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REISSUE APPLICATION No. 08/914,868

The allowance action was counted and the file forwarded to the SPRE unit for review. The application is not accompanied by a completed Reissue Checklist.

The following action is needed:

- 1. The claims have been amended on 6/20/02 after the filing of the supplemental reissue declaration of 10/6/00. Accordingly, the declaration fails to acknowledge that all the errors corrected by this reissue arose without deceptive intent. 37 CFR § 1.175(b(1) and MPEP § 1414, III. See item 22.j. in the reissue checklist.
- 2. The amendment format of the claims is improper for failure to comply with 37 CFR §1.173. All changes by reissue must be made relative to the original patent text.

The patent contains 10 claims. Any changes made to these original patent claims must be made by bracketing the deletions and underlining the additions.

All new claims must be entirely underlined and contain no bracket (claims 11 and up)t.

All changes to the specification (filed after December 1, 1997) must be made by rewriting the entire paragraph with the changes made using brackets and underlining. Amendment A, paper #8 to the specification is improper in this regard.

The amendment format of the claims must not be entered and new amendment in compliance with rule 1.173 must be provided.

Note that in:

- paper # 29, the format, claims 1, 8,9,10,17, 33, 36-40, 43, 49, 50, 54-62 is improper. Amendment paper # 29.
- paper #17, claims 3, 7, 13 were amended by crossing out words from the claims. This is